

1976, he stepped forward to offer a site at the Boston Campus for the Kennedy Presidential Library where it stands today.

While focused on higher education, Robert Wood also became a key player in elementary and secondary education. While at the university, he chaired the Citywide Coordinating Council, which was charged with overseeing the court ordered desegregation of the Boston Public School System. Later, the School Committee chose him to be Superintendent of Schools, where he labored intensively to find long-term solutions to the dilemmas of school desegregation and school quality in a city recently torn by racial strife.

In 1983, Wesleyan University invited him to become the Henry Luce Professor of Democratic Institutions and the Social Order, and Professor Wood dedicated the next ten years to teaching and inspiring future leaders to take up the work of public service. Today, his former students can be found in town halls and statehouses across the country as well as in the halls of government in Washington, DC.

In recognition of this rare career combining groundbreaking scholarship with dedicated public service, the American Political Science Association gave Robert C. Wood its Hubert H. Humphrey Award in 1986.

In 1993, Professor Wood returned to Boston and the Boston campus of the University of Massachusetts where he continued as a teacher of students and a mentor of public officials and academic colleagues.

His contributions to individuals, institutions and to our Nation have been great, and I thank him and wish him a happy birthday.●

THE SAUGUS BOYS OF SUMMER

● Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, on behalf of myself and Mr. KERRY, I welcome this opportunity to congratulate the Little League baseball team of Saugus, MA for their extraordinary season and their outstanding performance in the recent Little League World Series.

Throughout those wonderful weeks in August, these 12 young players—Ryan Bateman, Tyler Calla, Craig Cole, Anthony DiSciscio, David Ferreira, Tyler Grillo, Joe Kazabuski, Matthew Muldoon, Yano Petruzzelli, Dario Pizzano, Mark Sacco, and Michael Scuzzarella—their Manager Rob Rochenski, and their coaches, Mike Ferreira and Bob Calla, showed us how thrilling the Nation's great pastime can be, and how well it can be played.

With great skill and great teamwork, they won the State Championship. They won the New England Championship. They reached the United States Championship game. And in every exciting game they played, the team was hard working and dedicated, and they consistently maintained the highest level of sportsmanship.

All of their hard work and talent took the team as far as any Massachusetts team in Little League history. In doing so, they captured the hearts of people across Massachusetts and in many parts of the Nation as well.

In the World Series, this remarkable team of young men sent our spirit soaring with four straight one-run victories. And none was more dramatic than their final victory of the tournament—a stunning, come-from-behind success. The team lost a six-run lead in the final regular inning, and then went down by three runs in extra innings. But they never gave up. They demonstrated their courage and determination and achieved an amazing comeback in their last at bat. By the score of 14-13, they prevailed in one of the greatest games in Little League World Series history.

In the end, the Saugus team was defeated in the U.S. Championship final, and finished in fourth place among the more than 7,000 Little League All Star teams that participated in the tournament worldwide—a brilliant accomplishment by any standard.

Fifty years after the original Boys of Summer rose to greatness, baseball fans throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts celebrated our own Boys of Summer in their spectacular success last month. With great pride, I extend my and Senator KERRY's heartfelt congratulations to our "Boys of Summer" and their parents, families and fans who gave them such strong support. I'm extremely proud of them and their accomplishments. I wish them great success in the years ahead—and I hope the Red Sox scouts were taking notice.●

TRIBUTE TO JANE STEPHENSON

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I pay tribute to Jane Stephenson, a former college administrator and founder of the New Opportunity School for Women, NOSW. Ms. Stephenson's charity and innovation has given many women in eastern Kentucky a renewed vigor for life and an improved sense of self-worth.

In 1987, Ms. Stephenson founded NOSW as an institution of free instruction for women of Appalachia. Headquartered in Berea, KY, NOSW draws women from all over the Appalachian region for 3 weeks of classes in job hunting, public speaking, literature, self-defense, and personal style. Additionally, students of NOSW are afforded opportunities to visit cultural institutions such as the Kentucky Horse Park and the Cincinnati Art Museum. Most women enrolled in NOSW are middle-aged and come from low income homes. Were it not for Ms. Stephenson's benevolent vision, these women would have little opportunity to improve their positions in society.

In addition to encouraging self-awareness and improvement, Ms. Stephenson and NOSW instill the importance of community service in stu-

dents. Often, graduates from NOSW find new jobs in the social service sector as a result of their experience as care givers fostered by NOSW. Other graduates continue their education. In fact, approximately 75 percent of the 400 alumni of NOSW have either pursued GEDs and college degrees, or found new employment opportunities.

Ms. Stephenson retired as director of the school several years ago, but she still serves in the capacity of teacher and fundraiser. She is an exemplar of charity and selflessness and is one to be emulated nationwide. Ms. Stephenson's vision has reaped innumerable benefits in the lives of hundreds of women of Appalachia. I thank the Senate for allowing me to pay tribute to this remarkable woman.●

TRIBUTE TO MARJORIE BROOKS

● Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, as Senators, we are accustomed to the glare of the public spotlight which sometimes gives us more credit than we deserve. There are those, however, who work tirelessly for those in their community without such recognition.

I wish to recognize one of those persons who works behind the scenes to make our country a better place to live. Marjorie Brooks, of Glover, was killed on Monday, August 25, 2003 while responding to a person in need.

Brooks was riding in an emergency vehicle that rolled over enroute to assist at the scene of a vehicle accident.

Marjorie Brooks was captain and president of the Barton Emergency Medical Services and had served on the squad for more than 25 years. She was planning to retire in September.

"Marge and her family are really a part of the history of emergency medical services in Barton, the Northeast Kingdom, and Vermont as a whole," said Dan Manz, chief of Emergency Medical Services for the State Department of Health. "Marge has embodied the best of community-based emergency medical care. She touched thousands of lives as an EMT." I couldn't have said it better myself.

The State of Vermont, including all those she served, has suffered a great loss in her death. I hope her family, including her son, Phil Brooks, who is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Barton EMS, finds the strength they need in coping with this tragic loss.

Marjorie was a true public servant, and Vermont mourns her loss.●

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM E. JOHNSON

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to the outstanding achievements and public service of Mr. William E. Johnson.

I have had the honor of working with Bill over the years. This month Bill will be honored for his 40 years of dedication and service to the citizens of Audrain County and the State of Missouri.